

BASIN TRANSIT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, September 28, 2023 5:00 p.m.
Basin Transit Operations Center
62405 Verbena Road
Joshua Tree, CA 92252

ACTION MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Robin Schlosser with Reach Out Morongo Basin led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Jeff Drozd
Dan Mintz
McArthur Wright

Jennifer Henning
Ben Sasnett

Members Absent:

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Danielle Harrington

2.0 FEATURED BUSINESS

2.1 Transportation Assistance Grant (TAG) Awards

A brief oral report was given by Joe Meer that included an explanation on changing the original staff recommendation, as The Boys & Girls Club of the Hi-Desert notified staff the day before that they were withdrawing their grant application. The revision to the original staff recommendation was to award the Morongo Basin Healthcare District \$25,000 and Reach Out Morongo Basin \$20,000.

ACTION: Board Member Mintz moved to approve the FY24 TAG Awards; seconded by Board Member Drozd: motion passed by Roll Call Vote (5-0).

3.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Recognition of Incoming Board Member

Cheri Holsclaw, General Manager, welcomed incoming Board Member Jennifer Henning to Basin Transit's Board of Directors. The County Supervisor appointed Board Member Henning, and she represents the unincorporated areas of the Morongo Basin.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

A member of the public identified as A. Passenger expressed her dissatisfaction with communication responses by Basin Transit management and requested that copies of email communications she brought with her be distributed to the Board of Directors.

The following TAG award recipients expressed their gratitude to the Board for supporting their programs and approving their grant applications:

Linda Murphy, Pacific Clinics
Robin Schlosser, Reach Out Morongo Basin
Astrid Johnson, Morongo Basin Arch
Sandy Smith, Copper Mountain College Foundation
Benita Brown, The Way Station

5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

5.1 Minutes of the July 27, 2023 Board Meeting

5.2 Treasurer's Report for June and July 2023

5.3 Warrant Register through July 31, 2023

5.4 Ridership Reports

5.5 Financial Reports

5.6 Taxi Report

5.7 General Manager's Reports

5.8 Operations Report

5.9 LTF Reallocation

ACTION: Board Member Mintz moved to approve the Consent Calendar (items 5.1 - 5.9); seconded by Board Member Sasnett:

motion passed by Roll Call Vote for item 5.1 *(4-0) and items 5.2-5.9 (5-0).

*Board Member Henning abstained from voting on item 5.1 of the Consent Calendar as she did not attend the July 27, 2023 meeting.

6.0 ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR PARTICIPATION AND/OR ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Basin Transit Subcommittee Assignments

ACTION: Item tabled.

7.2 FY 2022/23 End of Year Update

ACTION: Received and Discussed

8.0 CLOSED SESSION

NONE

9.0 GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE

Cheri shared that Basin Transit will participate in a county-wide Clean Air Day promotion on Wednesday, October 4, 2023. Fares will be free to riders that day with fare reimbursement to Basin Transit by San Bernardino County Transit Authority.

Cheri also shared that Basin Transit is planning a partnership with The Way Station for a "Fill the Bus" type food drive in November. This event is planned to replace the annual Can-A-Ride event, which hasn't received much participation in recent years.

10.0 FUTURE BOARD INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

11.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Comments were made by the following Board Members:

Board Member Henning
Board Member Sasnett

Board Member Mintz
Vice-Chair Drozd
Chair Wright

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m. Thursday, September 28, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michal Brock", is written over a horizontal line.

Michal Brock, Assistant Board Secretary